

Prostrate ceanothus

Ceanothus prostratus

Plants prostrate

Leaves opposite, thick, 3 to 7-toothed
above the middle



Branches neither spinose nor rigid

Scientific Name: *Ceanothus prostratus* Benth.

Bibliographic Reference: Bentham, 1848. Pl. Hartw.302.

Common Name: Prostrate ceanothus

Family (Common Name): Rhamnaceae (Buckthorn Family)

Synonyms: None

Idaho Native Plant Society Category: State Priority 1

Natural Heritage Program Rank: S1

Distribution: Eastern slope of the Cascades from Washington through Oregon to the Sierra Nevada, and w Nevada; disjunct in Adams Co., Idaho.

Phenology: May through July.

Habitat: Ponderosa pine/shrub community in coarse granitic soils.

Look-alikes: Can be confused with *C. macrantha*, which has larger heads, few pappus scales, and pinnatifid leaves.



Closeup of *Ceanothus prostratus*

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Species
Distribution

